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SUBJ: MESSAGE TO NEWSWEEK EDITOR, NEW YORK, N.Y.

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO EDITOR, NEWSWEEK FROM AMBASSADOR  
SHIRLEY TEMPLE BLACK:

1. QTE SIR: I REGRET TO NOTE THAT THE "UPDATE" ARTICLE ON ME  
IN THE JUNE 16 ISSUE OF NEWSWEEK HAD SEVERAL MIS-STATEMENTS  
AND ONE RATHER SERIOUS MISQUOTE.

2. YOUR QUOTE SUGGESTS THAT AMERICAN BUSINESS SHOULD BE  
ENCOURAGED TO EXPLOIT THE RESOURCES OF AFRICA SOLELY TO  
IMPROVE THE AMERICAN ECONOMY.

3. THIS IS, OF COURSE, AN ARCHAIC VIEW, LONG DISCREDITED BY  
MOST THOUGHTFUL ECONOMISTS AND SOCIAL PHILOSOPHERS. I HAVE  
NO SYMPATHY WITH SUCH AN ATTITUDE.

4. IN TODAY'S WORLD RECIPROCAL SELF-INTEREST BETWEEN  
DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS IS THE ONLY PATH TO A WORLD  
BASED ON SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING. AMERICAN  
BUSINESS CAN BECOME EVEN BETTER CUSTOMERS FOR AFRICAN NATURAL  
RESOURCES. IN THE PROCESS OF AFRICAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT,  
HOWEVER, WE MUST FIND WAYS TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE  
ECONOMIES OF AFRICAN NATIONS. RECIPROCAL ADVANTAGE IS THE ONLY  
PRINCIPLE WHICH WILL SUCCEED. THERE ARE NO LONGER ANY  
ONE-WAY ECONOMIC STREETS IN THE AFRICAN WORLD.

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5. THIS FACT GLADDENS MY HEART, AS AN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT,  
AND ON BEHALF OF MY MANY AFRICAN FRIENDS. SINCERELY ENDQTE.  
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